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(U) Montebello – Former Police Officer Pleads Guilty to Accepting \$14K in Bribes from Gang Member

(U) Rudolph Petersen, a former police officer with the Montebello Police Department, pleaded guilty to a federal bribery charge for accepting at least \$14,000 in cash from a drug trafficker in exchange for escorting local drug shipments and using a police database to get information, officials announced. During his time as a police officer from December 2018 through August 2020, Petersen solicited and received several cash bribes from a gang member and drug trafficker. In a 2018 meeting Petersen accepted a \$10,000 bribe to “escort a vehicle containing a shipment of narcotics and protect it from law enforcement and would be robbers,” court documents showed.

SOURCE: 7 September 2021, [KTLA5](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Officers Seize More Than \$900K in Cocaine and Methamphetamine

(U) Hidalgo – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) intercepted \$933,000 in alleged cocaine and methamphetamine in two incidents. CBP officers encountered a Chevrolet Suburban, arriving from Mexico. After physically inspecting the conveyance, officers discovered 16 packages of alleged cocaine weighing 38.97-pounds concealed within the vehicle. CBP officers assigned to the cargo facility encountered a tractor trailer arriving from Mexico. After physically inspecting the conveyance, officers discovered 40 packages of methamphetamine weighing 45.19-pounds concealed within the tractor.

SOURCE: 7 September 2021, [CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arizona – Three Charged After Threatening Principal with Arrest, Zip Ties Over COVID-19 Rules

(U) Tucson – Three men were arrested and charged with trespassing after threatening to arrest an elementary school principal with zip ties after disputing COVID-19 rules for students, according to the Tucson Police Department. Officials say the men confronted the Mesquite Elementary School’s principal after a student was required to quarantine and miss a field trip because of possible exposure to COVID-19.

SOURCE: 7 September 2021, [AZ Central](#)

(U) District of Columbia – Howard University Cancels Classes After Ransomware Attack

(U) Washington – Howard University canceled classes as it continues to investigate a ransomware attack on the school's network, according to an interim update on the situation posted by the university. The university's information technology team detected "unusual activity" on the network last week and shut it down to investigate the situation, the statement said. "The situation is still being investigated," according to the university, but "based on the investigation and the information we have to date, we know the University has experienced a ransomware cyberattack."

SOURCE: 7 September 2021, [CNN](#)

(U) District of Columbia – Idaho Man Pleads Guilty to Assaulting Officer During US Capitol Riot

(U) Washington – An Idaho man accused of assaulting police officers during the 6 January US Capitol riot pleaded guilty Tuesday to reduced charges and could face up to four-years in prison. Duke Wilson, 67, of Nampa, admitted that he picked up a white pole and jabbed a US Capitol police officer. He signed a court document that said he also helped other rioters who were trying to pull a shield away from an officer. He faced an 11-count federal indictment filed in May. But in a deal with prosecutors, he pleaded guilty to just two of those counts: assaulting a federal officer and obstructing an official proceeding. SOURCE: 7 September 2021, [NBC News](#)

(U) Illinois – Labor Day Weekend Shootings Wound 63, Including Eight Children

(U) Chicago – Six people were killed and 63 total victims, including eight children, were shot in Chicago over the extended Labor Day weekend, police said. Chicago Police Department reported 49 shootings from 6 p.m. Friday to 11:59 p.m. Monday. The six murder victims include a 4-year-old Alabama boy who died after he was shot on Friday while inside a west side apartment, according to authorities. Other juvenile shootings victims were ages 12 to 17. SOURCE: 7 September 2021, [Fox News](#)

(U) Vermont – State Troopers Resign After Scheming to Create 'Fraudulent COVID-19 Vaccination Cards'

(U) Montpelier – Three Vermont state troopers resigned after they got caught in a scheme to create fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination cards, the Vermont State Police announced. Shawn Sommers and Raymond Witkowski resigned on 10 August, one day after another trooper became aware of their alleged actions and reported them to supervisors. The Department of Public Safety then began an investigation, leading to David Pfindel's resignation on 3 September. The FBI is now investigating the case, as the troopers' scheme could be a violation of federal law. SOURCE: 7 September 2021, [Fox News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Taliban's New Cabinet Includes US-Designated Terrorist

(U) Kabul – The Taliban has included the leader of a US-designated terrorist organization in its new government. Sirajuddin Haqqani, leader of the Haqqani Network who is on the FBI's most wanted list for terrorism, will serve as acting interior minister. Mullah Mohammad Hassan, the head of the Taliban's leadership council, was named as acting prime minister, spokesman Zabihullah Mujahed said at a press conference in Kabul. Taliban co-founder Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar will serve as his deputy. SOURCE: 7 September 2021, [National Post](#)

(U) France – Heightened Security in Paris as 2015 Jihadist Attacks Trial Begins

(U) Paris – A trial of unprecedented scale starts under high security to judge 20 men suspected of involvement in a jihadist rampage across Paris on 13 November 2015, the deadliest attack in France. Some 130 people were killed, and hundreds wounded when gunmen with suicide vests targeted six bars and restaurants, the Bataclan concert hall and a sports stadium. With police on high alert, streets will be cut off to cars and pedestrians around the Palais de Justice courthouse on an island in central Paris, with the surrounding banks of the Seine also off-limits. SOURCE: 7 September 2021, [Reuters](#)

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(U) Sweden – Two Women Suspected of War Crimes in Syria Arrested

(U) Stockholm – Swedish authorities arrested two women from Sweden suspected of committing war crimes in Syria, the prosecutor's office and local media said. According to a statement from the prosecutor's office, three women from the territories once controlled by the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) arrived at the Stockholm airport. Two were arrested while a third, who is not considered a suspect, was released after questioning. Swedish broadcaster SVT said one of the two women is also suspected of genocide and crimes against humanity.

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